

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Tim Walz released the below statement regarding his vote against repealing the Affordable Care Act:

“Repealing the Affordable Care Act will eliminate consumer protections, put insurance companies between you and your doctors, raise taxes on small businesses, and explode the deficit. It will be bad for our economy and jobs in places like southern Minnesota that have a robust health care industry.

Southern Minnesotans are already seeing benefits from this new law. Seniors have received help paying for their expensive prescription drugs and have better access to preventative care.

And just a few weeks ago, I received a letter from a dad in southern Minnesota named Paul. Paul’s son Joe is 21 years old, works part time and has Type II diabetes. Joe couldn’t get the insurance he needed to pay for the expensive equipment and treatment he needs. But because of the new law we passed, Joe was able to get back on his parent’s insurance and his new insurance card came a couple of weeks ago in the mail. A vote to repeal this legislation is a vote to tear that insurance card out of Joe’s hand and so I voted against it.”

[Click here](#) to see some of the ways southern Minnesotans would be negatively impacted by repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

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